

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 10-20, as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image reading device for reading documents to be processed continuously and outputting a plurality of image information, said image reading device comprising:

a continuous reading controller switch for receiving a continuous reading instruction ~~instructions~~ of a user and outputting a control signal ~~to control the continuous reading and outputting operations of said image reading device;~~ and

a control unit for controlling said image reading device and receiving said control signal to implement ~~the~~ continuous reading and outputting operations of said image reading device;

wherein when said continuous reading controller switch is activated by the user, said control unit drives said image reading device to read a page of a packaged document placed at a reading position, and

wherein after a time period predetermined by said control unit to allow the scanned page to be manually turned over by the user, another page of the packaged document placed at the reading position is then continued to be read.

Claim 2 (original): The image reading device of claim 1 further comprising a time adjuster to adjust the time period between two adjacent operations of image reading.

Claim 3 (original): The image reading device of claim 2, wherein said time adjuster further comprises a speedup button and a slowdown button to decrease and increase the time period respectively.

Claim 4 (original): The image reading device of claim 2, wherein said time adjuster further comprises a rotator to adjust the time period.

Claim 5 (original): The image reading device of claim 1 further comprising a detector for outputting a reading signal to said control unit to initiate the reading operation of said image reading device when no action within a predetermined period after the scanned page is turned over is detected.

Claim 6 (original): The image reading device of claim 5 further comprising a plane for loading the document to be processed, said detector being positioned under said plane.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The image reading device of claim 1 further comprising an audio-receiver for receiving the an audio signal and outputting a reading signal to said control unit to control the reading operation of said image reading device.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The image reading device of claim 1 further comprising a stepping-controller, wherein the user steps on said stepping-controller to output a reading signal to said control unit for controlling the reading operation of said image reading device.

Claim 9 (original): The image reading device of claim 1 further comprising an indicator for informing the user to turning over the page.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The image reading device of claim 9, wherein said indicator is selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of an audio-indicator, a light-indicator and an audio-light-indicator.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A continuous reading ~~controller switch,~~ controlling device coupled with a ~~an~~ image reading device ~~to control the continuous reading and outputting operations of said image reading device,~~ said controller comprising:

a continuous reading controller switch for receiving instructions ~~continuously~~ a continuous reading instruction and outputting a control signal ~~to control the continuous reading and outputting operations of said image reading device; and~~

a control unit for controlling said image reading device and receiving said control signal to implement the continuous reading and outputting operations of said image reading device;

wherein when said continuous reading controller switch is activated by the user, said control unit drives said image reading device to read a page of a packaged document placed at a reading position, and

wherein after a time period predetermined by said control unit to allow the scanned page to be manually turned over by the user, another page of packaged document placed at the reading position is then continued to be read.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The ~~image reading device~~ controlling device of claim 11 further comprising a time adjuster to adjust the time period between two adjacent operations of image reading.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The ~~image reading device~~ controlling device of claim 12, wherein said time adjuster further comprises a speedup button and a slowdown button to decrease and increase the time period respectively.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The ~~image reading device~~ controlling device of claim 12, wherein said time adjuster further comprises a rotator to adjust the time period.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The ~~image-reading device~~ controlling device of claim 11 further comprising a detector for outputting a reading signal to said control unit to initiate the reading operation of said image reading device when no action within a predetermined period after the scanned page is turned over is detected.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The ~~image-reading device~~ controlling device of claim 15 further comprising a plane for loading the document to be processed, said detector being positioned under said plane.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The ~~image-reading device~~ controlling device of claim 11 further comprising an audio-receiver for receiving the an audio signal and outputting a reading signal to said control unit to control the reading operation of said image reading device.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The ~~image-reading device~~ controlling device of claim 11 further comprising a stepping-controller, wherein the user steps on said stepping-controller to output a reading signal to said control unit for controlling the reading operation of said image reading device.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The ~~image-reading device~~ controlling device of claim 11 further comprising an indicator for informing the user to turning over the page.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The ~~image-reading device~~ controlling device of claim 19, wherein said indicator is selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of an audio-indicator, a light-indicator and an audio-light-indicator.